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**REMARKS** 

Currently claims 1-69 are pending. Claims 23, 29 and 63-69 have been

canceled without prejudice. Claims 6, 7, 12, 14, 17-20, 24, 28, 34, 38, 39, 41-45, 52-

54, 56, 61 and 62 have been amended to place them in form appropriate to US

practice, to reduce the filing fee by removing multiple dependencies, and/or to correct

typographical errors.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to related

applications/claim of priority to the corresponding PCT application and foreign filed

application.

Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required

by US practice.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for

examination and respectfully request the early consideration thereof and the issuance

of a Notice of Allowance forthwith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and

future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including

any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of

time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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